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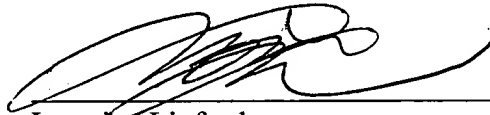
In a Final Office Action dated June 23, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-8, and 20-24. Claims 1, 5-8, and 20-24 have been canceled, and claim 17 has been amended. Claims 17-19 and 43-55 are currently pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments. If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is authorized to charge any fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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